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ROTARY BUSH TYPE LINK FOR)
CRAWLER)

SUPPLEMENTAL EXPLANATION RE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This will supplement the information provided in the Information Disclosure Statement at filing, in order to have that information considered and printed as part of the record. The paucity in the explanation of the relevance of the documents submitted is regretted, in that at the very least the English language text of the citations should have been considered. This supplemental submission will thus clarify the relevance of the documents on this record.

Japanese language document JP-504747 was included as reference BA**. It is specifically mentioned on page 3 of the specification as filed, and discussed in the paragraph spanning pages 3 and 4 of the specification as filed, and again on page 5 of the specification as filed, all relative to the prior art of Figs. 7(a) and 7(b). That document is also a patent family member to WO 93/11020, the cover page of which is included as reference BB** and U.S. Pat. No. 5,183,318 cited as document AA**. Consideration of the



merits of at least the English language versions of the cited JP '747 document is again requested and supported by the papers as filed.

JP document 2003-220983 is cited as reference BD in the IDS at filing; it refers on its face to the JP Application P2002-22803 mentioned on page 3 of the specification as filed relative to the prior art of Figs. 7(a) and 7(b). A copy of the corresponding English language publication US 2003/0141760 based on Application No. 10/349,034, now US Patent No. 6,866,351, that corresponds to the JP application and publication is provided as document AB**. At the very least, the English language text should have been considered and its consideration made of record.

Japanese Utility Model Publication (Y) is cited as reference BC as JP-Y-4206. It is also discussed on pages 3 and 4 of the specification as filed relative to the prior art of Figs. 7(a) and 7(b). An English language equivalent or abstract is not readily available, but its relevance is presented in the text as filed.

References BE, BF, and BG are presented with their English language abstracts as generally having a link configuration that is like those previously discussed in the references discussed above, and presented in the specification as filed. Each is assigned to Caterpillar, Inc. At the very least, the English language abstracts should have been considered along with the information at pages 1 to 5 of the specification as filed.

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It is hoped that this explanation will further amplify information previously submitted and organize it in a better usable fashion for consideration on the record by the examiner. Another copy of the PTO-1449 Form that accompanied the original IDS is provided for the convenience of adding the examiner's initials reflecting full consideration of the information presented.

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